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Name: _____

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Church: _____

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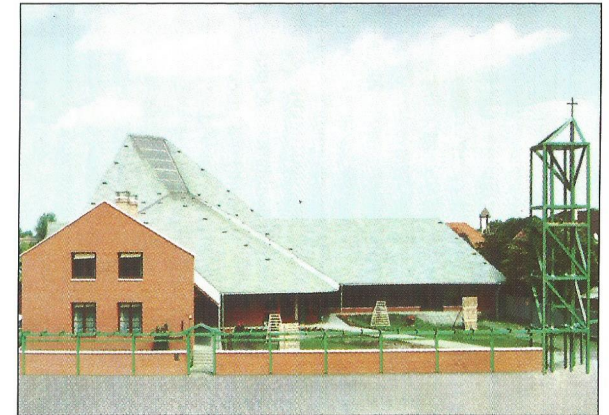
Previous theological training: _____

English Level:
Beginner Intermediate Advanced



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INTERNATIONAL IBLA has been established primarily for bivocational pastors and lay leaders from throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Its scope and outreach bridge national boundaries.

BAPTIST IBLA is an institution of and for European Baptists. The Academy was founded to meet the expressed needs of Baptists in Central and Eastern Europe.

LAY IBLA is a centre for preparing lay men and women for leadership in their churches. It focuses on those who have little or no formal theological studies.

ACADEMY IBLA is not a seminary, but rather an institution for training part-time and volunteer leaders for effective Christian ministry.

Dear Christian friend,



I am pleased to be able, through this brochure, to provide you with information about IBLA and perhaps answer some questions you might have concerning our school.

Sincerely,

O. Errol Simmons, Director

■ *What is IBLA?*

The International Baptist Lay Academy was established in 1990 as an institution of the European Baptist Federation. Its purpose is to provide intensive, quality training for lay leaders (lay pastors, deacons, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, women's leaders, etc.) from throughout Central and Eastern Europe. More than 350 lay leaders from 23 countries have come to IBLA to prepare themselves for more effective service for the Lord. Persons applying for study at IBLA should be at least twenty years old and have the recommendation of their union or church. IBLA is located in Szigetszentmiklós, near Budapest, Hungary.

■ *When does IBLA have classes?*

IBLA classes are held during fall, spring, and summer trimesters. The 12 week fall trimester is from October through December, and the 14 week Spring semester is from February through May. The summer course is normally four weeks, from the first weekend in July to the end of the first week in August. Correspondence courses are offered to assist students already enrolled at IBLA. Pre-intermediate, intermediate, and advanced English classes are offered during the fall and spring trimesters. Only intermediate and advanced English classes are taught during the summer course.

■ *What subjects are offered at IBLA?*

Both theology and English are taught at IBLA. Because English is the official language of the European Baptist Federation, one of IBLA's tasks is to help equip Eastern European lay leaders for participation in EBF activities. During the fall and spring trimesters, students study English thirteen hours weekly, and theology the equivalent of nine hours weekly, including additional theological assignments done outside of class. In addition, chapel services in English are led by the students. In the summer, IBLA students study theology four hours each day and English two hours. Special seminars on lay ministry are also offered. Theological subjects are taught in English, and are of a practical nature, designed to help Eastern European lay leaders serve the Lord more effectively. English studies feature the Oxford Headway English materials, which emphasize conversation. IBLA awards a Certificate of Studies to persons attending three trimesters. Maximum study at IBLA is one year or three full summer courses.

■ *Who teaches at IBLA?*

Teachers at IBLA come from Baptist World Alliance related churches and agencies and all theological teachers hold recognized, advanced university and/or seminary degrees. Most hold doctorates in their fields of specialty. All English teachers are English mother-tongue speakers (from America, Canada and England) with university degrees and are certified in teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL).

■ *What does it cost to attend IBLA?*

Most students pay part of their IBLA fees, but work-study scholarships are available to cover most of their expenses. Those who can pay more are asked to do so. But deserving students are admitted to IBLA even when their finances are limited. Students receiving work-study scholarships are asked to work on campus to help cover the cost of their room, books, and meals.

■ *When should I apply for admissions to studies at IBLA?*

For the fall and spring trimesters, an application should be submitted no later than three months before the beginning of classes. For the summer course, March 31 is the deadline. However, sometimes the enrollment is already full by the deadline, so persons who are interested should apply as early as possible. Applications cannot be approved until the application fee has been received.